

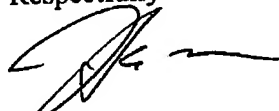
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REMARKS

In a Telephonic Interview on August 23, 2004, the Examiner stated that the claims would be in a condition for allowance if certain clarifying amendments were made to claims 17, 22, and 23. Applicants have amended those claims, and have further amended claims 18, 26, 29-30 and 34-35 to address similar concerns.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted the Applicant has made a patentable contribution to the art. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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